

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 703

By Fowler

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the football team of Boyd-Buchanan High School on capturing the 2003 TSSAA Class A State Championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this state; and

WHEREAS, the Boyd-Buchanan High School Buccaneers achieved unmatched success during the 2003 season by winning the state football championship in TSSAA Class A designation; and

WHEREAS, after a remarkable 2002 season that concluded with a loss in the BlueCross Bowl, Coach Robert Akins and his squad spent countless hours in the weight room and on the practice field in preparation for the 2003 season; they thus built upon their past success, and their devotion of time and energy precipitated a championship run; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers opened the season with an impressive 52-6 win over Howard; they maintained their focus to post an impressive record of twelve wins and two losses; and

WHEREAS, Boyd-Buchanan was undefeated against Class A teams, losing only to Class AA powerhouse Goodpasture and Division II-AAA Baylor; and

WHEREAS, the determined team carried their momentum into the state playoffs and disposed of three challengers in order to reach the BlueCross Bowl in Murfreesboro on December 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Boyd-Buchanan Buccaneers posted a dominating 26-3 victory over perennial power Donelson Christian Academy in the championship game, thus establishing themselves unquestionably as the finest Tennessee team in their classification; and

WHEREAS, they achieved their remarkable success by utilizing an extraordinary combination of explosive offense and stifling defense; the team averaged forty-one points per game while allowing only thirteen points per contest; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Sports Writers Association recognized Matt Peardon, Ryan Beagles, Weston Perry, Robbie Armstrong, and Jeremy Davis on its All-State team, and the Associated Press named Davis, Armstrong, Beagles, Peardon, Chris Payne, Drew Akins, and Matt Henley as Honorable Mention members of its All-State team; and

WHEREAS, the TSWA also named Robert Akins as Class A Coach of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the Buccaneers earned numerous awards as individuals, but the greatest honor they won was the one that they all received, the title of state champions; and

WHEREAS, the laudable young men who earned that honor were Seniors Ryan Headden, Matt Swinea, Ryan Campbell, Dan Moore, Taylor Yother, Jeremy Davis, Robby Armstrong, Josh Thurman, Ryan Beagles, and Ben Whitt; Juniors Joseph Farinash, Tripp Wingo, Drew Akins, Daniel Atchley, Robert Coleman, Drew Lamb, Seth Williams, Matt Peardon, Matt Henley, Ross Updegraff, Jason Davis, Jimbo Fogo, Chris Payne, and Evan Taylor; Sophomores Henry Woodard, Weston Perry, Hunter Wallace, Corey Gilbert, John Moore, Nathan Smithers, Andrew Boone, David Henson, Mac Lamons, Cody Pell, Joseph Welch, J.C. Clonts, Chase Cook, Alan Webster, Lindsey Roberts, Josh McEntyre, and Ryan Moore; and Freshmen Justin Headden, Josh Nason, Darius Jones, Tanner Smith, Tyler Quarles, Anthony Hathaway, Brad Jenkins, Taylor Blount, Daniel Tees, Wes Tipton, Wade Davis, Ben Hogan, Josh Hixson, Mike Richman, Jackson Cresswell, Darrell Stone, Scott Proffitt, and Hal Wright; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Robert Akins and Assistant Coaches Grant Reynolds, Charles Fant, Bobby Milam, Todd Roland, and Toby Silberman laid the groundwork for the championship season by sharing their substantial knowledge of football with the young men on the team; and

WHEREAS, the football players at Boyd-Buchanan High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired

the student body and united their entire community completing their remarkable 2003 season;
and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship football season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud the Boyd-Buchanan Buccaneers for winning the 2003 TSSAA Class A state football championship and serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that this Body joins the administration, faculty, students, and community of Boyd-Buchanan High School in congratulating the Buccaneer coaches and players on their championship season, and wish them every future success, both on and off the gridiron.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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